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HONORARY OKIES ISSUE

This month we have a wide variety of chess news and features, including an update on the activity of many of our "Honorary Okies" around the country.

First off, a short article about the Ark-Okla Friendly Feud held on National Chess Day in October in Fort Smith. The new event is having major growing pains and may be in trouble for the future.

The recent "Southwest Missouri Diehards Open" prompted me to finish an article about the interesting background behind this event, which has roots that date back to the 1960s.

Speaking of the "old days"… we have two new player profiles about players who were regulars in the Fischer Boom era here in Oklahoma — Elliott Winslow, and Rollie Tesh. Tesh also created a special fun chess quiz for us. Plus we catch up with other "Honorary Okies."

Plus a book review by IM John Donaldson, Game of the Month, puzzles, games, and more…

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2nd Annual "Friendly Feud" Arkansas-Oklahoma Afflicted by Conflict

The 2nd annual attempt to form a friendly team tournament in the border city of Fort Smith for Arkie and Okie players (following a strong debut last year) unfortunately ended in failure, at least partly due to a conflict of dates by OSCO (Oklahoma Scholastic Chess Organization).

Only three Oklahoma players attended, not enough to meet the minimum for a team competition in the rapid/blitz events that make up the tournament (G/20, G/10, G/5).

Organizer Karis Bellisario (see profile of her in the Jan 2017 OCM) targetted National Chess Day (Oct 14) and cleared this date by contacting Oklahoma organizers starting last May. Receiving an apparent go-ahead she did so and began advertising. She was particularly targeting the scholastic kids who tend to like the faster time controls, and was hoping for a good turnout.

Unfortunately, when OSCO announced its schedule for the upcoming school year in early September, it chose October 14 for one of its five "regular season" qualifying tournaments, conflicting with the Friendly Feud. These events are key dates in the OSCO calendar as any kid hoping to qualify for the coveted slot in the Denker or Barber national championships must have at least two strong scores in these events plus do well in the state championship event at the end of the season. Their best two scores in the five are taken, so most must attend as many as they can. No scholastic players showed up for the Friendly Feud.

Bellisario said, "What stunned me most is learning it was not an oversight or case of forgetting; they remembered, but did it anyway. I do not understand that. I would NEVER do that. If I said it was a good date, I would keep it a good date. Period. And if for some odd reason that was truly impossible, I would personally communicate with a phone call. None of that happened."

Spokesmen for OCA have explained in the past that OSCO has special needs when it comes to scheduling due to the large turnouts at its tournaments (60-200 players typically), plus the need to have it at secure school-friendly locations, (which requires insurance for the event and also possibly security measures as well). This limits the number of possible venues and tends to limit selection of dates. Thus OCA and OSCO have said that OSCO's plans should be given priority and others should schedule around them. But it's rather difficult for other organizers to schedule around OSCO when they don't announce their schedule until just weeks before it begins.

Only Okies James Long, Harold Brown, and Howard Dihrberg participated; not enough for a team event to come off. See crosstable:

http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201710144212-12374730

After the event, Bellisario announced, "I will consider this Feud the last one unless Oklahoma opts to initiate one going forward … ." She pointed out, "OSCO … could have made the Feud event one they truly got behind where the points counted toward the student champion requirements and it was celebrated as a family event – where kids and parents and coaches could all compete together."

Personally I think that sounds like a great idea for kids … an interstate scholastic fun rivalry event, with the whole family able to play, and with Fort Smith as the logical border city venue. But the onus will now be on OSCO or some other organizer acceptable to OSCO to make that happen.

HONORARY OKIES: Update

by Tom Braunlich

Frank Berry used to call chess players who were at one time participants in multiple Oklahoma tournaments but who lived elsewhere "Honorary Okies" — those we like that always will have a welcoming chess home here. Former Okie players were also included in the term.

Here is an update on the news for several such Honorary Okies:

David Zelnick, just became a new former Okie by moving recently to Massachusetts, (near Boston), where he has already played in a couple tournaments.

"I moved to Worcester, MA, with my fiancée, Helen, who is going to school up here and will be coming back in December to get married. If I can, maybe I'll stop by and say hey to you all." Apparently his fiancé is from Ghana, Africa! Congrats and best wishes to David, who sent in this recent win of his with a problem-like end:

Ross, Alonso (1980) - Zelnick,David (2154)
[D00] Massachusetts, 14.10.2017
1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 e6 5.Nd2 Nbd7 6.Ngf3 Be7 7.Ne5 Nxe5 8.dxe5 Nd7 9.Qg4 g6 10.c3 b6 11.0-0 Nc5 12.Be2 h5 13.Qh3 g5 14.Bg3 Ba6 15.Bxh5 [15.Bxa6 g4] 15...Bxf1 16.Rxf1 Kd7 17.Qg4 Rh7 18.Qf3 Qh8 19.Bg4 Nd3 20.Qe2 Nxe5 21.Qa6 Kc7 22.Be2 Bd6 23.c4

Black to move and win!...

23...Rxh2! 24.Bxh2 Qxh2+! 25.Kxh2 Nf3+ 26.Kh3 Rh8+ 27.Kg4 Rh4+ 28.Kxf3 g4# 0-1

Tres Roring, former active Okie player who is now living on the west coast, now has something in common with **Vladimir Kramnik**. They both were beaten in September by newly-unretired GM James Tarjan. Tarjan, one of the top American GMs from the 1970s, was a very scary opponent in his heyday. I played him once when I was rated over 2300 (in 1982). It was one of the worst pummelings I ever had. He could not make a good enough living as a professional so in 1984 he quit chess completely and became a librarian. In recent years he retired from that life, and has been playing tournaments again.

At the Portland Open on Labor Day weekend he won this game on his way to winning the event:

Roring, Tres (2071)
Tarjan, James (2481) [A46]
Portland Open 2017 (2), 02.09.2017
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.b3 d6 3.d4 Bg4 4.e3 Nbd7 5.Be2 e6 6.Bb2 d5 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 c6 11.f4 Qe7 12.g4!? Rad8 13.g5 Ne8 14.Rf3 f6 15.Nxd7 [15.gxf6] **15...Rxd7 16.Rg3 g6 17.Nf3 Ng7 18.Rh3 Nh5 19.Bc1? fxg5 20.Nxg5**

20... e5! 21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.Ba3 Nxf4 23.Qg4 Qxg5 0-1

Later that month, former world champion Vladimir Kramnik suffered the same fate at the big tournament at the Isle of Man off the coast of England:
Tarjan, James (2412)
Kramnik, Vladimir (2803) [A12]
Isle of Man 2017 (3), 23.09.2017 *[TB]*
1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 c6 3.Nf3 d5 4.b3 Bg4 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.d3 0-0 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.h3 Bh5 11.Re1 a5 12.a3 e5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Nh4

Nc5 15.Qc2 Ne6 16.Rac1 Nd4 17.Qd1 Nb5 18.Nb1 Qd7 19.Kh2 Ra6 20.Nf3 e4 21.dxe4 Nxe4 22.Rf1 Bb8 23.Nc3 Nbxc3 24.Bxc3 Rae6 25.Be1 h6 26.Rc2 Ba7 27.Qc1 Bb6 28.e3 Qb5 29.Nd4 Bxd4 30.exd4 Bf3? 31.Bxf3 Nxg3? [31...Qxf1 32.Be2 Nxg3 33.Bxf1 Nxf1+ 34.Kg2 Rxe1 35.Qf4 R8e6=] **32.fxg3 Qxf1 33.Bf2 Qd3 34.Rc3 Qf5 35.Kg2 Rf6 36.Qc2 Qd7 37.g4 Rc6 38.Rc5 Rd8 39.Qf5 Rxc5 40.Qxd7 Rxd7 41.dxc5 d4 42.Kf1 d3 43.Ke1 d2+ 44.Kd1 Kf8 45.Bg3 Ke7 46.Bd6+ Ke6 47.Kxd2 b6 48.Ke3 bxc5 49.Bxc5 Rd8 50.b4 axb4 51.axb4 f5 52.b5 fxg4 53.hxg4 g6 54.b6 h5 55.g5 Kd7 56.b7 1-0**

Anna Zatonskih is another Honorary Okie who was also playing at Isle of Man, and had a great tournament, which included wins over GM Boris Gelfand and former women's world champion GM Alexandra Kosteniuk. She has played in Oklahoma many times, including winning the U.S. Women's Championship in Tulsa in 2008.

Gelfand-Zatonskih, Isle of Man, 2017

35…Rc5! 36. Qe2, Qc6+ 37. Rg2, Rxb5 0-1

I played in the Isle of Man tournament in 2003 myself, and Anna Z was there too — and proudly wearing the "North American Open" t-shirt that Frank Berry had given her (pictured above)!

In the 2017 Isle of Man tournament Anna was in the running for a GM norm there until she got derailed by…

Anna Zatonskih, Isle of Man 2003

Jeffrey Xiong, the 15-year-old Dallas grandmaster whom we claim as an Honorary Okie, defeated Anna in round 8 at Isle of Man. But perhaps more exciting was who he got to play in round three:

Carlsen, Magnus (2827)
Xiong, Jeffrey (2633) [D03]
Isle of Man 2017 (3.1), 25.09.2017 *[TB]*
1.Nf3 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.d4 e6 4.Bg5 d5 5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 Nc6 7.Nbd2 a6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 Nd7 10.Bxe7 Nxe7 11.Ne5 cxd4 12.exd4 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Bd7 14.Re1 Rc8 15.Nf3 b5 16.h4 a5 17.a3 Qb6 18.Qd2≤ b4!? 19.cxb4 axb4 20.a4 [20.Qxb4 Qxb4 21.axb4 Nc6 *(21...Rb8 22.b5±)* 22.Rec1± Nxb4? 23.Rxc8+ Bxc8 24.Bb5+ Kd8 25.Ra4] **20...Ra8 21.b3 0-0 22.Rac1 Rfc8 23.h5 Kf8 24.g4 Rc3! 25.g5** [25.Rxc3 bxc3 26.Qxc3 Rc8=] **25...hxg5 26.Rxc3 bxc3 27.Qxg5 Nf5= 28.Bxf5 exf5 29.e6 Bxe6 30.h6 gxh6 31.Qf6 Kg8?** [31...Qd8! 32.Rxe6 Qxf6 33.Rxf6 Rc8 34.Nd4 c2 35.Nxc2 Rxc2 36.Rxf5 Rb2 37.Rxd5 Rxb3=] **32.Qxh6 Qb4 33.Kh1 1-0**

The game was quite close until time trouble led to some inaccuracies from Jeffrey that Carlsen exploited to win.

Rollie Tesh was back in Tulsa briefly this year after being away from his hometown for about 40 years. Rollie was one of the strongest young Okie juniors who were part of the Bobby

Fischer Boom in the 1970s. He won the tough Oklahoma Junior Championship in 1974 and 1975, when we were going to the same high school, and eventually earned a high expert rating. He worked for a while with Ken Smith's *Chess Digest* in Dallas, and later with the Pente Game Company in 1981. He became Pente World Champion in 1982 and was the foremost developer of strategy in that game. Later we became business partners for 15 years doing independent design work on games and toys. He continues to work as an inventor and has many games on the market, such as this recent one, *Leaps and Ledges* http://amzn.to/2yHPMdj

Rollie moved from England temporarily to Tulsa last winter and had been coming to the Tulsa club downtown (Saturday 9:00am to 1:30pm at Foolish Things Coffee Shop, 10th and Main).

In October he moved to Las Vegas where he is working for *Meepleville*, an innovative new "board game café" there. Before leaving, he created for us a unique kind of Chess Quiz (see page 6).

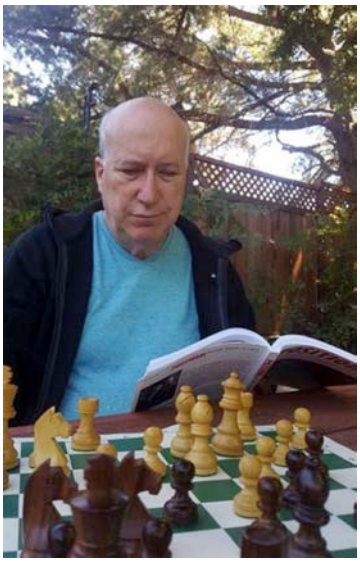
Elliott Winslow, is an Honorary Okie who many current players may not know. From St. Louis, he was in the 1970s perhaps the most dominant chess master in this area, with a mid-2300 rating, and he won the 12-round North American Open in Stillwater at the OSU Student Union for several years in a row, as well as many other events around Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

Elliott Winslow in 1975.

Recently Winslow was the subject of a short article in the Mechanic's Chess Club Weekly Newsletter (a great publication by another honorary Okie, John Donaldson, that is well worth checking out, published on Fridays at: http://www.chessclub.org/news.php)

In the 1970s, Winslow hitchhiked around this Midwest region trying to make a living playing chess. He was the first master I ever saw, as in those days there were no players in Oklahoma rated over 2000 except for D Ballard(2205), who was retired. Winslow was a quick-witted funny trash talker when playing blitz or in the skittles room post-mortems and I loved watching him play.

In the late '70s he moved to northern California and, we were told, made a living hustling backgammon during the backgammon craze at the time. He continued with chess, earned an IM title, and later took up poker as well. The last time I was able to talk with him was at the 1984 U.S. Open in Fort Worth. He worked for a while as a proofreader for *Chess Life* magazine in the early 1990s and lived in New York City.



He apparently gave up chess for a while after returning to the Bay Area, but like Tarjan recently came back to tournaments and has become a big force at the Mechanics Chess Club there, where he regularly competes as well as helps with organization.

This recent photo of Winslow is courtesy of John Donaldson.

My favorite memory of Winslow was his exciting draw with U.S. Champion Walter Browne in a mind-boggling Najdorf, at the 1976 U.S. Open in Fairfax, Virginia. It was the first national tournament I ever attended, and seeing our "Honorary Okie" put Walter Browne on the ropes was unforgettable. This game is annotated as "Game of the Month" this issue, see page 11.

Historic Chess Quiz — Unique Puzzles by Rollie Tesh

The following 12 puzzles use just four pieces to quiz your knowledge of famous chess games every player should know. Each setup is the essence of the key moment in each famous game. Can you identify which player in chess history is associated with each piece configuration? The last three are especially difficult. (Answers page __).

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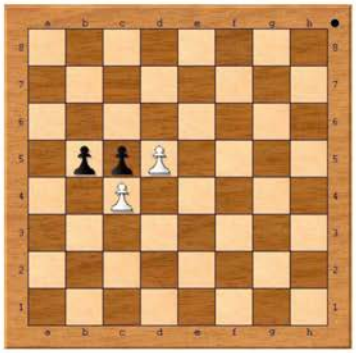

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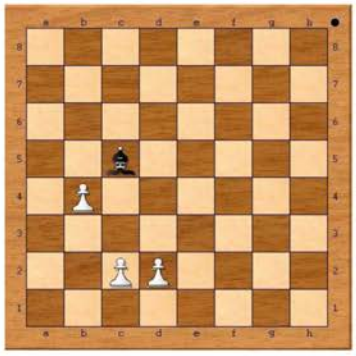

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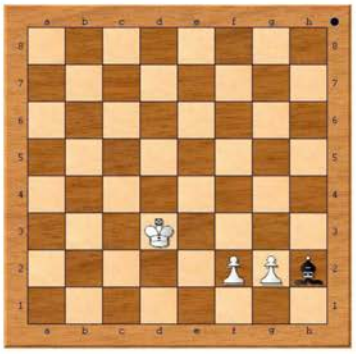

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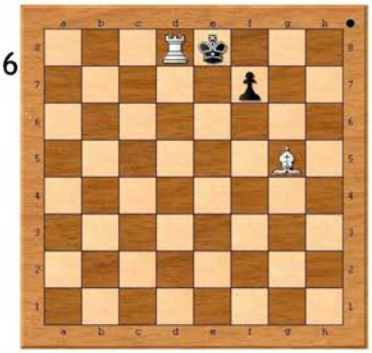

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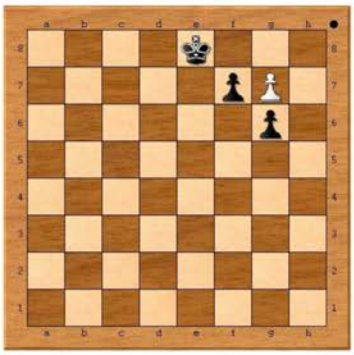

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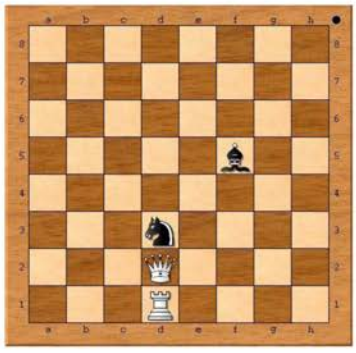

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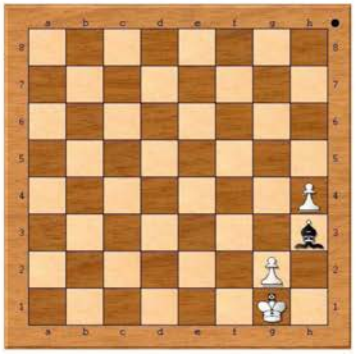

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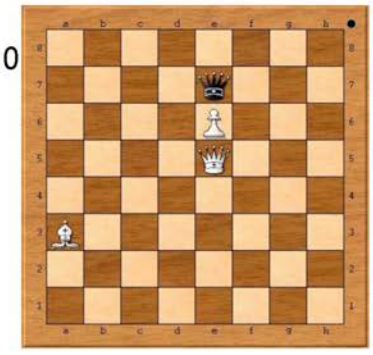

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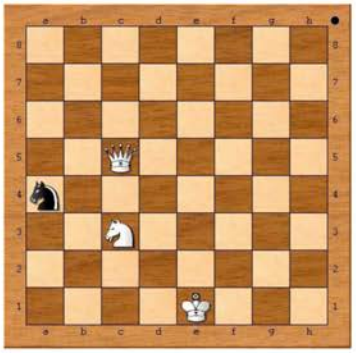

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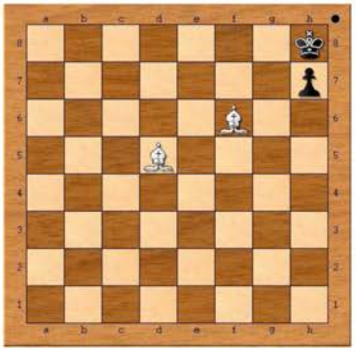

For NOVEMBER 2017

Top 25 Active Oklahoma Players				
	Player	This Month	Change +/-	
1	Advait Patel	2568	-20	
2	Daniel Ng	2273	0	
3	Howard Zhong	2264	0	
4	Mark Hulsey	2221	0	
5	Tom Braunlich	2209	0	
6	Tom Amburn	2200	0	
7	Sergey Galant	2188	0	
8	Chibuzo C Ilonze	2147	0	
9	Joshua Alexander	2142	0	
10	Anthony Paolercio	2106	-15	▲
11	Chuck Johnson	2087	0	▲
12	John Cope	2084	0	▲
13	James Tyner	2074	0	▲
14	Tom Patton	2068	0	▲
15	David Luscomb	2068	0	▲
16	Charles D Unruh	2062	0	▲
17	Michael Nugent	2056	0	▲
18	Veronika Zilajeva	2047	-6	▼
19	Matt Dalthorp	2052	0	▲
20	Charles M Unruh	2039	0	▲
21	Alan Islas	2024	0	▲
22	James Long	2013	+3	▲
23	Logan Zachare	2008	0	▲
24	Shaun G-Bowcaster	1987	0	▲
25	Jeff Colbert	1984	0	▲

Player of the Month

DAVID ZELNICK

Long-time Tulsa-area Expert 'Zel' moved to Massachusetts recently. See the story under "Honorary Okies."

Regional Chess History

Joplin Chess and The Southwest Missouri Diehards

By Martin Stahl

(Ed. Note — In the heartland of the Midwest, chess players outside of the largest cities have always had to find each other and create their own clubs and tournaments, leading to spurts of activity that come and go. This story by Martin Stahl of chess in Joplin and the "Diehards" that have twice revived it is a great example of note.)

The history of chess in Joplin very likely dates to some of the earliest settlers to the mining town and is lightly documented. One of the earliest references found talks of the YMCA's newly constructed building which included a "game room ... equipped with checkers, chess, and a fireplace."

The YMCA would feature heavily through the years, holding youth tournaments and meeting space for players in the community. By 1911, the Joplin Chess Club is prominent in articles, playing matches in rooms at the Commercial Club and playing at least one match against members of the Masonic Club, with some members shared by both clubs. By the 1930's members of the club began playing annual matches against a Springfield team, winning the first four matches, losing the fifth, but returning to win the following year.

The 1940's continued to see chess activity by adults and youth. Matches with Springfield continued and more formal organization led to efforts to get expert-level players to visit. As part of that effort, George Koltanowski came to town to perform a simul, a blindfold exhibition and give a lecture. Later that decade, in 1947, Weaver Adams visited to give a lecture and simultaneous event.

The "Diehards"

The YMCA continued to hold sporadic events and meetings for local players through the

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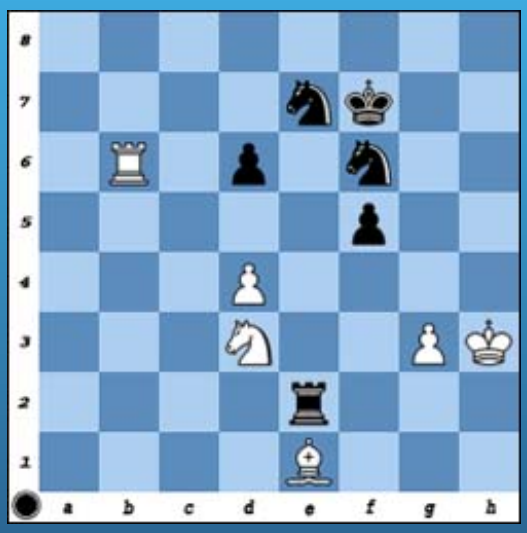
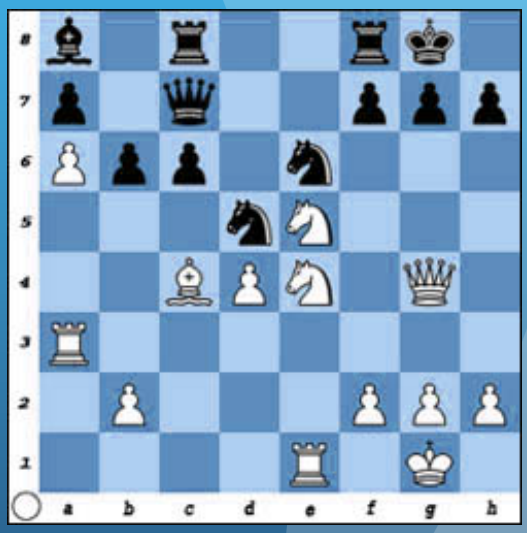


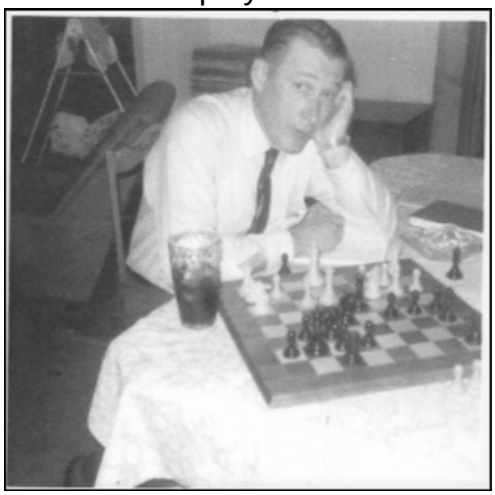
Black to move and win. (Medium)



White to move and win. (Difficult)

1950's and into the early 1960's. Around that time, some of the local area players, John Patterson from Granby, Ed Sayre from Seneca, and Fred Hallam from Joplin became acquainted with Gary White, a youth player in Joplin, and formed a new chess club playing in offices managed by Hallam.

Gary says, "We called our selves the Diehards' because we were not aware of any others in the area who played chess."



John Patterson in Joplin, circa 1960s.

Ed Sayre (left) and John Patterson

By 1968, the Southwest Missouri Diehards' decided to sponsor a tournament at the Connor Hotel from October 25th through the 27th. The event drew 34 players from MO, KS, OK and AR. Randy Mills, (19, a student from Kansas University), and Tom Amburn, (17, from Tulsa), tied for 1st place, wining $80 each. Mills took the trophy on tiebreaks. Ray Schooler, received plaque for best local player. (Amburn of course went on to become a master and many-time Oklahoma state champion.)

Answers to the Puzzles

(1) From the recent game Perelshteyn – Carlsen, Isle of Man 2017. If 1…Ng4, threatening mate, white escapes with 2. Kh4. However, black wins with 1…Ne4! which also threatens forced mate (with 2…Ng5+ and 3…Nf3+ and 4…Rh2) but does not allow white the choice of running to h4 with his king to escape.

(2) This is the end of a famous game by the Canadian GM Nicholas Rossolimo. 1. Bxd5 (we start by getting rid of a key defender of the f6 square), 1…cxd5 2. Nf6+ Kh8 and now the startling move 3. Qg6!! Now whichever pawn takes that queen the rook on a3 is going to be sliding over to h3 to deliver mate… 3…fxg6 4. Nxg6+ hxg6 5. Rh3 mate

The tournament report said, "A special 'thanks' to Richard Dermer, a man who has done very much for chess in this region in the past year. He came up here (from Stillwater OK) to help direct the tournament for the grand price of a place to stay and a free entry." [Dermer at this time was the protégé of the recently deceased Jerry Spann, see the previous two issues of the OCM]

Some games from this tournament are in your Okie Database (available to download from the OCF website), collected by the ever-thorough Frank Berry. Here is the key game with FKB's notes:

Beitlings, J R (1846)
Amburn, Tom (1838) [B27]
SW MO Diehard Springfield, MO (5.1), 27.10.1968
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.c3 cxd4 5.cxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d5 7.e5 Ne4 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Be2 Qc7 11.0-0 Rd8 12.Bf4 [12.c4 Be6 13.Ng5] **12...h6 13.Bg3= Be6 14.Rfc1 Nc6 15.Ne1 Na5! 16.Qb4 b6 17.Nd3 g5 18.f4 Qd7** [18...Nc4] **19.Nc5 bxc5 20.Qxa5 c4 21.Bd1= Rab8 22.Rab1 Bf5 23.Rxb8 Rxb8 24.fxg5 e6?** [π24...hxg5 25.e6? *(25.Ba4 Qe6)* 25...Qxe6 26.Bf2 Qe4µ] **25.Ba4** [25.Bf4±] **25...Qb7** [π25...Qe7] **26.Re1 Qb2 27.Bd1** [27.Qxa7] **27...Be4** [27...Qd2] **28.Bf3?!** [28.Be2 hxg5 29.Qxa7; 28.Bf2 Qd2] **28...Bxf3 29.gxf3 Qc2 30.Rf1 Rb2 31.Rf2 Qc1+ 32.Kg2 Rxf2+ 33.Bxf2 Qxg5+ 34.Bg3 h5 35.h4 Qd2+ 36.Bf2 Kh7** [36...Bh6 37.Qd8+ Kh7 38.Qf6 Qf4] **37.Qxa7± Qxc3?! 38.Qxf7 Qd3 39.Qxh5+ Bh6 40.Qf7+ Bg7 41.h5** [41.Qxe6] **41...c3 42.Qxe6** [42.h6 Kxh6 43.Qxe6+ Kh7 44.Qh3+] **42...c2 43.Qg6+ô Qxg6+ 44.hxg6+ Kxg6 45.Be3 Bh6 46.f4! Kf5 47.Kf3 Bf8**

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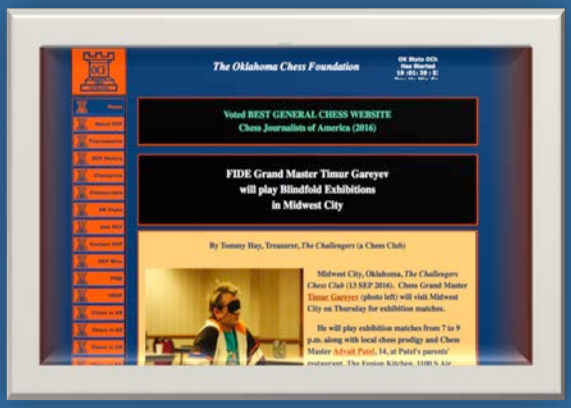
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48.Bc1 Bb4 49.Ke2? [49.Ke3] **49...Ke4 50.e6** [50.a3!!] **50...Kxd4 51.a4** [51.a3!] **51...Kc3 52.a5?** [52.f5 d4 53.Bd2+=; 52.Bd2+ Kb2 53.Be3 Bc5 54.Bd2=] **52...d4! 53.a6 d3+ 54.Ke3** [54.Kf2 d2 55.Bxd2+ Kxd2 56.a7 Bc5+] **54...Bc5+ 55.Ke4 d2 56.Bxd2+ Kxd2 57.a7 c1Q 58.a8Q Qh1+ 0-1**

Here is a closeup of part of the hand-typed tournament crosstable produced for the tournament. Okies can still recognize here **Jim Berry, George Hulburd,** and **Ricky Howard**:

THE SOUTHWEST MO. DIEHARDS' 68 OPEN
October 25th - 27th, 1968

RATING		PLAYER	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	SCORE	M-S-SB
2105	1	Randy Mills, Kansas	W28	W10	W4	W5	D3	4½	11
1838	2	Tom Amburn, Tulsa	W31	W24	D3	W9	W11	4½	8
2082	3	Jack winters, K. C.	W23	W7	D2	W6	D1	4	11
1870	4	Ronald Pease, K. C.	W13	W17	L1	W8	W10	4	9
1982	5	George Hulburd, Tulsa	W25	W21	W8	L1	W7	4	8
UNR.	6	Geo. W. Payne 3rd, Overland Park	W27	D8	W22	L3	W19	3½	
1780	7	Jim Berry Stillwater, Okla.	W16	L3	W12	W21	L5	3	9½-15½
UNR.	8	Earnest H. Gill, Okla. City,	W32	W11	L5	L4	W17	3	9½-16½
1634	9	Ricky Howard, Tulsa	W20	D6	W18	L2	D14	3	9
UNR.	10	Ray Schooler, Joplin	W33	L1	W27	W18	L4	3	8½
1846	11	John R. Deitling, K. C.	W30	L8	W13	W20	L2	3	8
1673	12	Bob Adkins, Arkansas	D18	D14	L7	W33*	W20	3	7½
UNR.	13	Fred G. Hallam, Joplin	L4	W25	L11	W22	W23	3	7-13
1803	14	Dennis Gittrich, Tulsa	D29	D12	W24	D17	D9	3	7-11½
1533	15	Mike London, Fayetteville, Ark.	L17	L20	W26	W24	W27	3	6-10-5½
1641	16	Edward H. Sayre, Seneca, Mo.	L7	W26	L20	W30	W21	3	6-10-5

The Diehards' sponsored one more tourney October 10-11, 1970, at the Arches International Inn motel, with a $400 overall prize fund. Twenty players attended and Don McCreary of KS, swept the field, winning clear first with 5 points. John Patterson from MO and Gary Berry from AR, tied for second.

As is common with such clubs, the Diehards began to split up as life goes on. No other tourneys were held.

Recent Joplin History

Joplin chess apparently was declining in the 80s and 90s. They met at a local coffee shop (around 1996), met at the Books-A-Million for awhile, at the local library, and eventually at a local Hardees.

NM Bart Gibbons sparked the recent rebirth in Joplin Chess when he came to town in 2008. Bart started the Joplin Chess Club Affiliate in 2008. He did 3 regular tourneys and 1 scholastic event. When his job was eliminated and he moved to OKC, I took over. I started the website: http://www.joplinchess.org

I have tried to hold 2-4 events a year and we have been working with **Springfield** to have a couple of larger. Since 2011 we have held at least one event per year with the Springfield Park Board Chess Club.

In 2015 I started working with the Missouri

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State University Chess Club for events. (2018 is being planned).

Last year we co-hosted the **Springfield Open** with the MSU and SPBCC and this year we are co-hosting with the Drury University Chess Club.

Diehards Come Back!

Gary White approached me in 2016 with the idea of sponsoring a couple of tourneys in memory the original Diehards; Hallam, Patterson, and Sayre. After poor weather on the first one caused a low turnout he decided to try one more (see last issue of OCM). There is a possibility we'll have another in 2018.

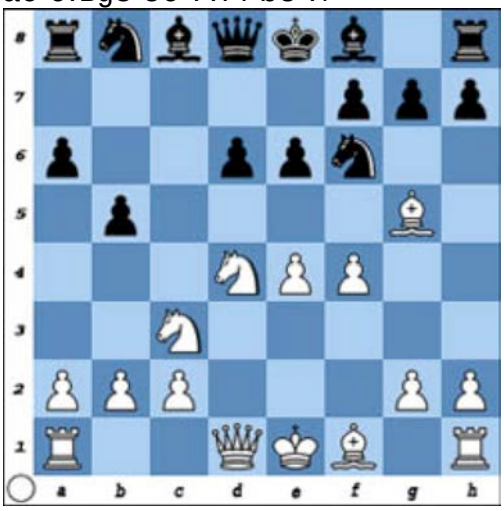
Joplin Chess Club — meets Sundays from 2-5pm at Hardee's: 1641 W. 7th, Joplin MO 64801.

John Patterson passed away in 2001 at the age of 65, followed in 2010 by Ray Schooler, 83, and Fred Hallam, 91. Gary White lives in the Kansas City area. No recent information has been found on Ed Sayre.

Elliott Winslow (2325)
GM Walter Shawn Browne (2625) [B96]
Fairfax US op (4.1), 1976 *[Notes by TB]*

Browne at this time was U.S. Champion and a dominant grandmaster in the American chess scene absent Fischer. Here on top board he plays Missouri master and "Honorary Okie" Winslow, who had just a week before won the North American Open in Stillwater, Oklahoma (for the third year). Winslow was then the dominant player in this region.

Both players were experts on the Najdorf -- Browne perhaps the foremost expert in the world -- and this game was a fantastic clash, causing a sensation at the time with Winslow nearly winning. I was there to witness it and the post-mortem. Winslow wrote extensive notes for the U.S. Open tournament bulletin.
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 b5 !?



This move marks the incredibly complicated Polugaevsky Variation of the Najdorf; rarely tried by Browne before. It began in the 1950s and was very hot at this time in the mid-70s.

Polugaevsky himself wrote extensively about his deep analysis of this line in the book *Grandmaster Preparation* (Pergammon 1981). It is a fascinating read. Black's game walks a tightrope while white has myriad sacrificial possibilities (as we will see in this game), yet if Black survives the opening he often gets a strong counter-attack.

Polugaevsky wrote, "The wealth of ideas and the number of variations here are so great, that all lovers of so-called "fighting play" will always be able to find in this variation a boundless and fruitful field for exploration, experiment and discovery." Yet in recent years this variation has all but disappeared from top-level play, although I haven't seen a published reason why. Presumably the top GMs with their super-computers have looked at it and know of a killer line that spoils the fun for black. Does anybody know?

8.e5 dxe5 9.fxe5 Qc7

This is the point. If 10. exf6, Qe5+ recovers the piece.

10.Qe2
[10.exf6 Qe5+ 11.Be2 Qxg5 12.0-0 is nevertheless one of the main lines, and here Polu analyzes 12...Qe5!? surprisingly as holding for Black. Recent games in this have not been encouraging for this though.]

10...Nfd7 11.0-0-0 Bb7
[11...Nc6 is another main branch.]

Here is a key position. White's e-pawn is doomed, but he doesn't care. He is planning to sacrifice to get at black's king and under-developed pieces anyway. The question is

how to do it. Lots of moves are possible here and the main lines used to begin with Qg4 or Qh5. But Winslow chooses:

12.Nxe6!

A pure piece sac, and quite dangerous, which was pretty new at the time.

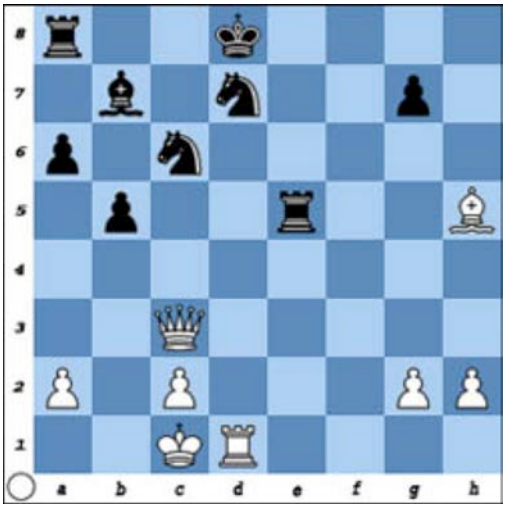
12...fxe6 13.Qg4

[Throwing in a check first with 13.Qh5+ g6 14.Qg4 was analyzed a lot by Polu in his book.]

13...Nc5?!

Browne decides to give back some material to slow the attack. The main line however was played by Polu himself a couple years later -- [13...Qxe5 14.Bd3 Be7 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Rhe1 h5 17.Qb4+ Qc5 18.Qh4+ Nf6 19.Qg3 Rg8 20.Re5 Qb6 21.Bf5 Nbd7 22.Rxe6+ Qxe6 23.Bxe6 Kxe6 24.Qd6+ Kf7 25.Qc7 Bc8 26.Nd5 Nxd5 27.Rxd5 Re8 28.Rxd7+ Bxd7 29.Qxd7+ Kg6 ½ - ½ Olafsson,F (2530)-Polugaevsky,L (2620)/Reykjavik 1978]

14.Rd8+ Qxd8 15.Bxd8 Kxd8 16.b4!
With this disruptive move Winslow keeps the pressure on! 16...Ncd7 17.Be2! [17.Qxe6 Bxb4 and black is going to get the e-pawn quickly with a good game. By developing Be2 first white now threatens the e-pawn.]
17...h5?
Browne tries to force the above variation, but it was high time to develop something instead with 17...Nc6 18.Qxe6 Ndxe5 although white still maintains an edge the worst of it seems to be over for black. For example, 19.Rd1+ *(19.a4!?* is the computer's move to maintain an edge for white*)* 19...Kc7 20.Nd5+ Kb8 21.Nb6 *(*Amazingly, the solid move *21.a3* actually loses to *21...Bc8! 22.Qe8 g6* and white's queen is trapped!*)* 21...Bxb4 22.Nxa8 Kxa8 and black has 3 pieces for the queen and a safe king so he is okay.
18.Qxe6 Bxb4 19.Qb3!
Winslow now has the U.S. Champion on the ropes! White threatens e5-e6 as well as the bishop.
19...Bxc3 20.Qxc3 Re8
Stopping and winning the e-pawn, but Browne has overlooked something...
21.Rd1! Nc6 22.Bxh5 Rxe5



23.Bf3!
This crossfire of pins means black's rook is now threatened and must move, leading to further loss of material for Browne.
23...Re6 [23...Re7 (to hold the crucial g-pawn) is refuted by 24.Bxc6 Rc8 25.Qa5+]
24.Qxg7
With two connected passers Winslow is now winning. GM spectators were starting to gather... but now a time scramble is starting to loom. The time control was at move 50, I believe, and remember in those days they were playing with analog clocks. Browne was famous for being tough during a time scramble — and Winslow also was a frequent time pressure practitioner. Despite this the two players continue to play well in this complicated position, missing only a few subtleties during the time crunch.

24...Re7 25.Qg6 Rc8 26.h4 Rc7 27.h5

[27.Qf6! is a computerish move that ties black up and forces 27...Kc8 28.Qh8+ Nd8 29.Bxb7+ Rxb7 30.h5 with a better version of what happens in the game.]

27...Nce5 28.Qg8+ Re8 29.Qg5+ Kc8 30.Bxb7+ Kxb7 31.g4 Rec8

[31...Nc5! 32.h6 Ncd3+ 33.Kb1 Nf2 34.Rg1 Nfxg4 35.Rxg4 Nxg4 36.Qxg4 Ree7 looks like a

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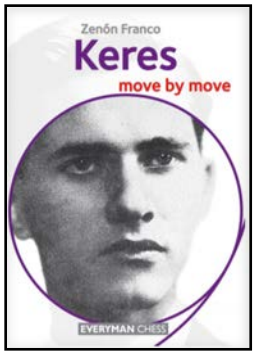

Keres: Move by Move

Everyman Chess •

Review by IM John Donaldson

A volume dedicated to the games of Paul Keres, one of the strongest players never to become World Champion, is the latest in the Everyman Chess (www.everymanchess.com) Move by Move series. The 464-page book by GM Zenon Franco analyses 38 of Keres' games using a question and answer format to actively engage the reader.

This approach, aimed at the club player, works well as Keres' play was particularly instructive. Franco adds and expands the commentary where needed, making it more accessible to those in the rating range 1600-2200. He also updates Keres' annotations in the opening phase. A case in point is Keres-Ivkov, USSR vs. The World, Belgrade 1970 (game 38).

After 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Bg4?!
Keres and Ivkov were both critical of this move, but in fact we know today it is well-motivated. Black's surrenders the bishop pair for a grip on d4 and harmonious piece play – his king knight will not fight with his light squared bishop for the d7 square.
4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 Nc6 6.g3!!
Keres giving this move two exclamation marks seems quite strange to modern eyes. It's certainly better than the previous try 6.Bb5, but transposing into a well-known position from the Closed Sicilian and English hardly merits special attention.
6…g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 h5?!
This is the cause of Black's future troubles. Either 8…Nf6 or 8…e6 with …Nge7 to follow were quite playable and would have offered Black equal chances.
The only case where the plan of g3 and Qxf3 really works is if Black wastes a move early on. For example 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 a6 (to avoid 3…Nf6 4.e5) 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 g6 8.e5! dxe5? (8…Bg7) 9.Qxc6+!! 9…bxc6 10.Bxc6+ Qd7 11.Bxd7+ Kxd7 12.Na4 and White has an advantage in the endgame which he exploited in fine style in the game Biyiasas-Timman, Wijk aan Zee 1980.

One player who was aware of 8.e5 and 9.Qxc6+ long before it was played was Bobby Fischer. When Biyiasas, who hosted Bobby in 1981, showed Fischer this game and was in the process of playing 7…g6 when R.J.F. immediately mentioned 8.e5 was a strong move. Fischer said he analyzed the position during his game with Vlastimil Hort (1970 Palma de Mallorca Interzonal) while the latter was deciding whether to recapture with the queen or bishop (Hort ultimately chose 7.Bxf3).

Kasparov, in an analogous position in his match with Psakhis in 1990 (game 5), chose to sidestep Bg5 by playing …h6 before castling. Maybe White could have pinned the knight on move eight or even earlier. Psakhis later carried out the plan of Bg5xf6 followed by light squared domination to perfection against Wang Zili in the 1996 Erevan Olympiad.

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Besides doing an excellent job engaging and teaching the reader through Keres' games, Franco also provides a thoughtful overview of his career and asks the question why the Estonian never became World Champion and in fact didn't even play a match for the title. A World Championship contender for over thirty years, from the mid-1930s to the mid-1960s, Keres finished second in four (!) Candidates cycles (1953, 1956, 1959 and 1962). Seeing his country forcibly annexed by the Soviet Union could not have helped Keres piece of mind, but we think his wife, quoted by Franco, was right when she said; "Keres was not as merciless towards himself, or to others, either, as Botvinnik was."

Franco's introduction, where he covers the Estonian's contributions to opening theory, defense/ counter attack and endgames, is particularly well done. This book is a fitting tribute to one of the strongest players and greatest gentlemen to ever play the game.

An extract from this reasonably priced book ($29.95), also available in multiple electronic formats, can be found at:
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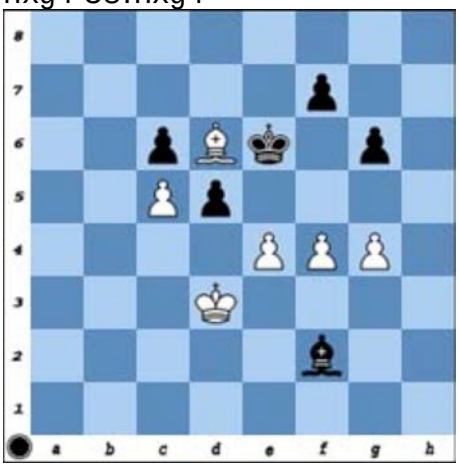
Highly Recommended

Peters, Aaron (1406)
Mei, Ethan R (1107) [C51]
Southwest Open 2017 (4), 03.09.2017 *[TB]*
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 You gotta love a kid who is willing to trot out the old Evans Gambit! 4...Bxb4 5.c3 Bc5 [5...Be7] 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0 dxc3
[I think this capture is known since the 1800s to be too risky. White has something like a 75% win rate against it in the database. The best chance at this point for black is 7...d6 A recent Okie game with this line is: 8.cxd4 Bb6 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Bg4 13.d5 Nd4 14.e5 Nh5 15.exd6 Nxg3 16.Re1+ Kf8 17.hxg3 cxd6 18.Qd3 Qf6 19.Ne4 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Qxf3 21.Qxf3 Bxf3 22.Nxd6 Rd8 23.Ne4 Kg7 24.d6 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxd6 26.Re7 Rf6ñ+ 27.Rf1 Rd8 28.Rxb7 Rd2 29.a4 Rdxf2 30.Rxf2 Rxf2?? *(30...Bxf2+ 31.Kg2 Bc5ñ+)* 31.Rxb6 1-0 Movsisyan,M (2224)-Wharry,S (2071)/Stillwater 2009]
8.Qb3 [8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.Qd5+ Kf8 10.Qxc5+ d6 11.Qxc3=] 8...Na5 9.Bxf7+ Kf8 10.Qd5 d6 11.e5?! [11.Bxg8 Rxg8 12.Ng5±] 11...c6 12.Qe4 Kxf7 13.e6+ Bxe6? [13...Ke7 14.Bg5+ Nf6 15.Nxc3 the computer says white doesn't have enough for the piece.] 14.Ng5+ Ke8 15.Nxe6 Qe7 16.Bg5 Nf6 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Re1! d5 19.Qf5 Kf7 20.Ng5+ Kf8 21.Rxe7 Kxe7 22.Qe6+ Kd8 23.Nf7+ Kc7 24.Nxh8 1-0

Nick Shearer (1631)
Wayne Hatcher (1939) [D11]
2017 Kansas Open (5), 23.07.2017
[Notes by Laurence Coker] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bf4 a6 5.e3 Bf5 6.Nc3 e6 7.c5 Nbd7 8.b4 h6 9.h3 Be7 10.Be2 0–0 11.0–0 Re8 last book move 12.a4 Bf8 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 g6 15.b5 axb5 16.axb5 Ra5 17.bxc6 [17.Bc7! Qxc7 18.b6 Rxa1 19.bxc7 Ra7 20.e4 dxe4 21.Nxe4 Rc8 22.Ne5 Rxc7 white with advantage +-(1.52)] 17...bxc6 18.Qb1 Qa8 19.Rxa5 Qxa5 20.Qa1 Ra8 21.Qxa5 Rxa5 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.Bxe5 Nd7 24.Bg3 Bg7 25.Rb1 Nxc5 26.Bc7 Ra8 27.Nxd5 exd5 28.dxc5 Ra1 29.Rxa1 Bxa1 30.Kf1 Kg7 31.Ke2 Bc3 32.Kd3 Be1 33.f3 Kf6 34.e4 Ke6 35.g4 Bf2 36.Bd6 h5 37.f4? hxg4 38.hxg4

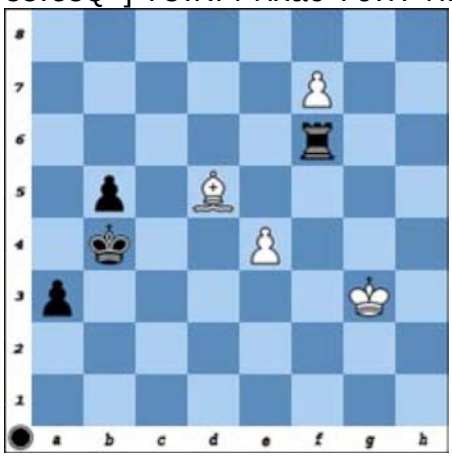


38...f5? [38...dxe4+! Black wins pawn and should win game 39.Kxe4 f5+! 40.Kf3 *(40.gxf5+ gxf5+ 41.Kf3 Be1 42.Ke3 Kd5 43.Be7 Bb4 44.Bf6 Bxc5+* –+(-2.80)*)* 40...Be1 41.Be5 Bb4 42.gxf5+ *(42.g5; 42.Bd6 Kd5* –+(-3.09)*)* 42...gxf5 –+(-2.52)]
39.exf5+ gxf5 40.g5 Kf7 41.Ke2 Bg1 42.Kd3 Bf2 43.Kc3 Ke6 44.Kd3 Kf7 three fold repeat not called 45.Kc3 Kg6 46.Kd3 Kh5 47.Kc3 Kg6 48.Kd3 Kf7 49.Kc3 Ke6 50.Kd3 Be1 51.Be5 Bh4 52.Bd6 Be1 53.Be5 Kf7 54.Bc3 Bg3 ½ - ½

Ben Gradsky (2104)
Sheena Zeng (1936) [D35]
2017 Kansas Open (2), 22.07.2017
[Notes by Laurence Coker]
1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.g3 c6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0–0 0–0 9.Qc2 Re8 last book move 10.Bf4 Bxf4 11.gxf4 Ne4

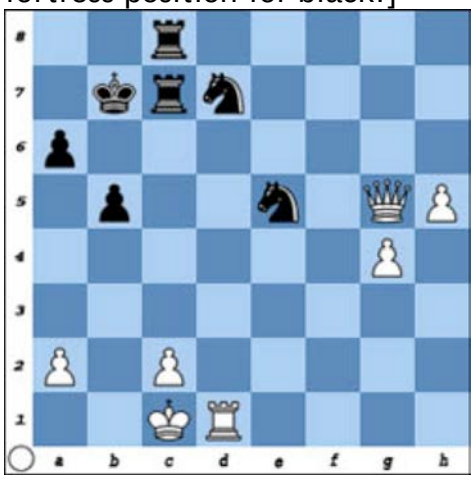
12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Ng5?! [13.Ne5=] 13...Nf6 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qh4 16.e3? loses exchange 16...Bh3! 17.f3 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 Re7 19.Qf2 Qxf2+ 20.Kxf2 Rae8 21.Re1 Re6 22.f5 Rd6 23.Rc1 g6 24.Rc3 gxf5 25.Bxf5 Rd5 26.Be4 Rg5 27.Bd3 Re6 28.Bf1 Reg6 29.e4 Rg1 30.Rc2? loses pawn [30.Rb3 b6 31.f4 Rh1 32.Rh3 3(–0.46)] 30...Rh1 31.Bg2 Rxh2 32.Kg1 Rh5 33.Kf2 Rhg5 34.Bf1 Rd6 35.Ke3 Rg1 36.Bc4 Rd1 37.d5 cxd5 38.Bxd5 Rd7 39.Rg2+ Kf8 40.Rh2 f6 41.Kf4 Rf1 42.Ke3 Rc7 43.Rh6 Kg7 44.Rh2 Re1+ 45.Kf4 Rg1 46.Ke3 b6 47.Bb3 h6 48.Rd2 Rg5 49.Rd8 Re7 50.Kf4 Kg6 51.Rg8+ Rg7 52.Rf8 h5 53.Be6 Re7 54.Bf5+? [54.Bh3 better, covering g2 square] 54...Kg7 55.Rd8 Rg2 56.Rd1 Rxb2 57.Rg1+ Kf7 58.Rh1 Rxa2 59.Rxh5 Rg2 60.Bg4 Kg7 61.Bf5 Rf7 62.Rh1 Kf8 63.Rb1 Rgg7 64.Be6 Rc7 65.Bd5 Ke7 66.Rh1 b5 67.Ra1 Kd6 68.Ra6+ [68.Kf5 better] 68...Kc5 69.Rxf6 a5 70.Ke3 a4 71.Ra6 Kb4 72.f4 a3 73.f5

73...Ra7? [73...Rc3+ 74.Kf4 Rg2 75.f6 Rf2+ 76.Ke5 Rcf3 77.Bg8 Kc5 78.Be6 Rxf6 79.Rxa3 b4 80.Ra5+ Kb6 81.Ra4 Kb5 82.Ra7 –+(-2.17)] 74.f6! Rg3+ [74...Rxa6 75.fxg7 Rg6 76.g8Q Rxg8 77.Bxg8 Kc3 78.e5 b4 79.Ke2 b3 80.Bxb3 Kxb3 81.e6 a2 82.e7 a1Q 83.e8Q=] 75.Kf4 Rxa6 76.f7 Rf6+ 77.Kxg3



77...Kc5? [77...Rxf7 78.Bxf7 Kc3 79.e5 b4 80.e6 a2 81.e7 a1Q 82.e8Q=] 78.e5! Rf1?? loses right away 79.Bf3! a2 80.f8Q+ Kd4 81.Qb4+ Kxe5 82.Qxb5+ Kd4 83.Qxf1 1–0

fortress position for black.]



32.Qf5

[This allows transposition into an ending black can draw. It looks like white still has winning chances after 32.h6 Rxc2+ 33.Kb1 No doubt this looks pretty scary for White so it's no wonder Winslow didn't allow it, but the computer thinks it is winning for white after this main line: 33...Rh2 34.Qg7! Rcc2 35.Rxd7+ Nxd7 36.Qxd7+ Kb6 37.h7 Rb2+ 38.Kc1 Rbc2+ 39.Kd1 Rcg2 40.Qd4+ Ka5 41.h8Q!]

32...Rxc2+ 33.Qxc2 Rxc2+ 34.Kxc2 Nf6!

One of the white passers falls, and the other will be able to win a knight but not enough to win the game, though Elliott keeps trying with the old analog clock flags getting near to falling...

35.h6 Nexg4 36.h7 Nxh7 37.Rd7+ Kb6 38.Rxh7 Ne5 39.Kc3 a5 40.Re7 Nc6 41.Kb2 Kc5 42.Rc7 Kb6 43.Rd7 Kc5 44.Rb7 Nd8 45.Ra7 Nc6 46.Rg7 Kb6 47.Rg6 Kc5 48.Rg5+ Kb6 49.Rh5 Nd4 50.Kc3 Nc6

I remember seeing the two players chattering away afterwards, and Winslow wrote a lot of notes for the game in the tournament bulletin that I studied with my roommate all the next day. As Polugaevsky said, the whole line is rich with sacrificial ideas to explore. I don't think Browne ever played this variation again! ½ - ½

NOV 4-5 2017 Springfield Open Springfield MO

5-SS, G/90, +30. Drury University, Trustee Science Center - Reed Auditorium, 900 N. Benton Ave., Springfield, MO 65802. Open: $150-120, U1600 90, U1400: 60, U1200 40. 5.0 Bonus: $40. Prizes: b/25 non-scholastic entries. EF: $30 by 11/3, $40 at door. Scholastic (rating only) $15 by 11/3, $25 at door. MCA membership required, OSA. Reg.: 8-9:30. Rounds: Sat 10, 2:30, 7; Sun 9:30, 2:30. Byes: One 1/2 point bye if req before round 3. Ent: Joplin Chess Club, 2609 New Hampshire, Joplin, MO 64804. Checks payable to Martin Stahl. TD Info: joplinchess.org, martin.stahl@joplinchess.org, 417-483-1554. Site Map: http://www.drury.edu/map/drurymap_color.pdf

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1100 Garrison Ave. Ft. Smith, AR. All veterans & active military w/ID recognized & enjoy discounted entry. 3 Section: OPEN & RESERVE(U1600): 4-SS, G/60 d6. EF: $30; $20 veterans, active military, K-12 student. AFTER 11/5/17 add $10. PF: Open $400/$200/$100; Reserve $300/$150/$75 (1st /2nd GUAR.; 3rd b12/section). NOVICE(U1100): 5rd SS, G/40 d5. EF: $10, after 11/5/17 add $5 non-uscf rated. Trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd & certificate for all "plus" scores. Branch competition: Marines, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force. Min. 2 player team, unlimited # per branch, top 4 scores used. Eagle Award. Check-in: 8:30-9AM Rds: 9:30, 12, 2:30, 5:30, optional ASAP start. BLITZ SideEvent: 5 Rd SS, G/5 d0, Rd. 1: 7:45pm, then ASAP; awards 9:25pm. USCF. EF: $5; $10 after 11/5/17. PF: $40/$20 (b12). Contact: KarisCM@cox.net 479-420-6354. Entry form details: http://westarkchess.com/vet-day-memorial-final-v3/.

NOV 25-26 Steve Wharry Classic Tulsa OK

5SS, G/90;+30. Wyndham Hotel, 10918 E. 41st St., Tulsa, OK. 918-627-5000. Free WiFi. EF: $40 if mailed by 11/15, $50 at site. Free OCF Memb.. Two Sections: Open & Reserve (U1700). $$Prizes: Open: 1st $1,000(G), 2nd $250 (G), plus other prizes per entries. Reserve: 1st $300(G) plus other prizes per entries. Reg.: 9-9:45 Sat AM. Byes: One 1/2-pt bye Rds. 1-5 if commit before Sat 9pm. Rds.: 10-2:30-7, 9-1:15. Entries to: Tom Braunlich, 7500 S. Birch, Broken Arrow, OK 74011. Inquiries: tom.braunlich@cox.net. Web: www.ocfchess.org.

DEC 30 27th Annual Holiday Open Tulsa OK

4-SS, G/50+15 spm. (Dual rated). Harvard Avenue Baptist Church, 3235 E. 17th St. (17th & Harvard), Tulsa, OK. Cash Prizes $200-1st(G), plus other cash prizes per entries. Special Prizes – Top players U2100 and U1600 earn a free seat in a GM Timur Gareyev blindfold simul coming in Spring 2018 in Tulsa. REG.: 9-9:45 AM. RDS.: 10-12:30-3-5:30 PM. EF: $20 cash or check at door. BYES: One 1/2-point bye Rds. 1, 2 or 3. LS W. Jim Berry, P O Box 351, Stillwater, OK 74076. JABerrycg@aol.com.

Answers to the Historic Chess Quiz by Rollie Tesh

1- Marshall. This is the famous Lewitsky-Marshall game from Germany, 1912, where the American star sacrificed his queen by putting it on the g3 square where two pawns could take it. Spectators showered the board with gold coins after this famous move. Play over the game here: http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1094915

2- Alekhine. This is the famous "Alekhine's Gun" formation, with which he defeated Nimzovich at San Remo 1930 in the quintessential example of controlling the c-file. Play over the game here: http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1012683

3- Benko. This is the quintessential opening moves of the Benko Gambit. Here is a classic Benko win with the gambit: http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1153868

4- Captain Evans. An obscure player yes, but this is the key setup of the famous Evans Gambit. Check out his famous game: http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1227673

5- Fischer. Bobby's most famous blunder, when he grabbed the poison rook pawn with his bishop in game one of the 1972 Spassky match. View the game here and note the analysis in the comments section: http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1044722

6- Morphy. The ending elements of his crushing checkmate of the Duke of Brunswick and Count Isouard, 1858. See it here: http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1233404

7- Tal. The final essential setup of one of the most unique combinations in chess history in the game Tal-Sviridov, 1969. If you don't know the game, be sure to check it out: http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1139414

8- Kasparov. The "Octopus" game (the knight on d3) in Karpov-Kasparov, 1985 match, perhaps one of the most bone-crunching wins in world championship history. See it here: http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1067175

9- Shirov. His move 47…Bh3!!! In the game Topalov-Shirov, Linares 1998, is often cited as the most amazing chess move ever played, leading to a problem-like win in an endgame of opposite bishops. (Chess historian Tim Krabbe selected it as #2 all time.) You can find analysis of this seemingly insane move in many places on the internet or in Shirov's book *Fire on Board*. The game with some analysis in the comments is here: http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1143956

10- Botvinnik. This should remind you of Botvinnik's most famous masterpiece, his win over Capablanca at AVRO 1938 with the bishop sac on a3 to begin a multi-piece sacrificial combination. A game you should know! http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1031957

11- Fischer. This is a tough one. It depicts the shocking beginning of 13-year-old Bobby Fischer's "Game of the Century" win over Donald Byrne, 1956, with the move …Na5 to an unguarded square in the opening — and actually is just one of a half-dozen thunderbolts in that game. See it here: http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1008361

12- Janowski. Another tough one, depicting the end of this great attacking master's most famous combination. See it here: http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1282945

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